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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Some men have been known to take special delight in butting their heads against a brick wall.—Junction City Sentinel.

AND in Kansas, Bro. Chabin, these men are calling themselves "stalwart democrats." Sabe?

BROTHER ARMSTRONG, of the Beacon, does not seem to be so much mashed on woman suffrage—since he learned that most of the women in this city voted the republican ticket—as he was before. What will Bro. Armstrong say when his party declares for woman suffrage, prohibition, etc.

IT WILL soon be time for the people to begin casting about them to find a suitable man to place on the judges bench in this district. We believe a great mistake was made when the present incumbent was elected, though we at the time of the election thought he was better than his republican opponent. There is some splendid timber in the democratic ranks of this district with which Judge Bailey's seat could be filled with honor and credit to the district. Look the field over, neighbors, and make ready for a winning fight.

THE republican papers are loud in saying that all over Kansas the municipal elections were favorable to the republicans. Now that all sounds well enough just now while the republicans are bracing up for the next state contest, but just when did the city elections of Kansas ever turn out other than favorable to the republicans. As long as that 82,000 votes was between them and their opponents they saw no reasons for making any spectacle of the municipal elections. But then circumstances alter cases you know. There is just as strong opposition to the republican party in the state of Kansas today as there ever was, but is not such as can be developed in city elections alone.—Ellinwood Advocate.

THE question is asked: What will become of the so-called stalwart democrats of Kansas, after this year? Our judgment is, that it does not make much difference what becomes of them politically, seeing that their numbers are so few. They will probably be found in the camp of the defunct republican party, where they naturally belong, as all their efforts since they took the name of stalwarts has been for the benefit of the g. o. p., and to the disgrace of the name of democracy. Just as about you in Barton county and see how many so-called democrats you will find who are willing to announce themselves as simon-pure stalwarts of the Crouch and Mitchell stripe, and you can almost count them on your fingers. And that is a fair sample of the whole state over.

We believe that it can be proven that the editor of the DEMOCRAT voted the republican ticket in this last city election, rather than vote for a populist.

NO MATTER what you may think you believe, Bro. Armstrong, you cannot prove anything of the kind. We voted the ticket headed "Republican Ticket," not "rather than vote for a populist," but rather than vote to promote the wishes of a set well known political mountebanks and impostors known as Caraway and his gang against what we believed the best interest of our city. If you, Mr. Armstrong, voted with the men whom you have so often shown up to be political demagogues and tricksters, you did what you knew to be contrary to common sense and consistency. Your attempt to cast reflections upon the action of the editor of the DEMOCRAT in the recent city election, knowing as you do the issues that were before the people and the position of each of three political parties, will fall very flat with the people who are posted on the matter. We would suggest that, if you voted the ticket called "Citizens Ticket," you voted for more republicans than did the editor of this paper, as the ticket we voted had two republicans scratched off and one populist written on, as we can prove by Mr. Fred Zutavern who saw us fix our ticket and vote it. Does he not too brash about making such charges as you do in the above paragraph.

The Register and the DEMOCRAT of this city are having some hard knocks just now on the question of "which shall lead the republican party in this county." There is not much that can be said in favor of one of the editors over the other, in regard to republican qualifications, for if the signs of the times are not misleading, they have both voted the republican ticket within the past year. Fight it out boys, there is not much difference in your politics.

—Beacon.
You poor, benighted backwoodsman! You really think that the whole political fate of this country hangs upon the result of a fight over the election of city officers in Great Bend; just as you tried to make it appear that the fate of the entire nation rested on the result of state elections in Kansas last fall! You know very well that the DEMOCRAT has in the past, and will in the future, worked only for the furtherance of the principles of democracy, and that there is no rivalry between it and the Regis-

ter or any other paper as to "which shall lead the republican party in this county" or any place else. Any man of moderate sense can see what is hurting you. You are aware that there are many of the peoples party men in this county who have sufficient political sagacity to see that if the republicans are to be beaten in the future the sure way to do it is to unite the opposition to republicanism; and you being one of the other fellows, who hate the name of democrat so much that you would rather see the republican party win everything than that one democrat be elected, are doing all you can to arouse the "middle of the road" enthusiasts and lead them to certain defeat and dissolution; hence you seek to make it appear that the DEMOCRAT is playing false to democratic principles. We had thought you had been in the newspaper business long enough to learn a little politics; or at least to learn that misrepresentation and unfounded charges would be sure to prove a boomerang to the man using them.

Very Complimentary(?)

It is doubtless of great satisfaction to the business men of Great Bend to note the highly complimentary reports given in the papers of Kansas City concerning the recent visit of the Kansas City Commercial Club to this town. Following are two of them in their entirety:

The Star.—"At Great Bend the special was an hour late and everybody except the driver and proprietor of that town's one mule car had gone home."

The Times.—"At Great Bend the excursionists were met at the depot by a committee composed of Messrs. Richards, Downing, Brinkman, Donley, Chapman and Moses. Luncheon was served in Moses Bros.' store, and an hour was profitably expended in visiting the many stores of the city."

While every other town visited received only a little notice of several hundred words each, Great Bend was given the elaborate and lengthy notices above, and this too in the face of the fact that the business men of all other towns got out in good numbers and showed the visitors all the cordiality and hospitality they knew how.

Verily Great Bend is fortunate in having business men who willingly and quickly unite to make a demonstration for the general good of the town. No jealousy or rivalry exists; no dormant condition of "inocuous distaste" (if we may be permitted to use the quotation) possesses our people when matters for the general good of all the people are up. We just get there with both feet—and the "one mule car."

Our recent experience ought certainly to arouse a different feeling among the citizens of a town the size of Great Bend, situated as it is in the banner county of the state, and populated by a most industrious class of people.

Considering the lack of interest shown in the visitors last week by the majority of our business men, they have no cause to complain of the slighting manner in which our city is referred to in the above quotations from the Star and Times. The fact that both papers falsely represent the circumstances of the visit—one being no nearer the truth than the other—does not excuse our townsmen from being justly criticised for a lack of interest in a matter that all should be interested in.

Religion and Politics.

It appears that in the municipal elections in Ohio and Michigan an organization known as the American Protestant Association figured quite extensively, and in numerous instances affected the result of the voting. The members of the American Protestant Association are pledged to scotch from their ticket the names of all Catholics, and before the nominations are made it is their duty to attend the primaries and invade the conventions in order that Catholics may be kept out of the offices.

It is rather discouraging to witness a revival of the effort to associate church and state at this late day. It would seem that the experience with the know-nothing idea in the past ought to have been sufficient to convince the people that it will not do. The constitution of the United States guarantees to every citizen his or her religious rights, and there is a general and liberal disposition to respect every denomination. In short, there is no excuse whatever for drawing such lines as obtained in the recent municipal elections in Ohio and Michigan.

The politicians who have promoted this mode of political warfare may secure temporary benefits, but, like all such movements, the reaction will be of such an unpleasant nature that all of those who are indulging in it will rue the day they allowed themselves to participate. There ought to be enough interest in the municipal politics of every state in the union without the introduction of this form of know-nothingism.

The religion Sam Jones preaches is probably popular with the rougher classes because it does not interfere with the language a fellow uses when he is driving a pair of lazy mules or milking a kicking cow.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS.

REDWING RED-TAPE.

From "New-ore-Maine." Thermometer—sublime! ! Two more weeks of school. Redwing has a new postoffice sign. W. A. Habiger lost a fine horse one day last week.

Mr. Cornisher is moving in with F. Fiker this week. Jacob Cofer was out from Oklahoma for a short visit.

Chas. Benke is reorganizing an outdoor cellar for F. Shadle.

A. Gerstencorn has completed a creditable house for poultry.

Mr. Tucker has completed a very fine barn; the largest about Odin.

Messrs. Morwitz and Stevens, each stand a stallion at Redwing now.

J. W. Amerine has removed his family to their new home north of Great Bend.

A German school has been organized at State Centre, with the minister there as teacher.

J. Deutch has completed a fine new shop and the clang of his hammer is heard day and night.

A. Hanich has reorganized the North Cheyenne Brass Band, and will play at Hoisington during the Catholic fair, 24th to 28th.

The Reif-Hipp, Wondre-Jenisch, and Brosser-Reif weddings are all about due. The young men are coming to the front this time.

The Rev. J. H. Reints had much damage done his fence by fires lately; also Tyark Riemann. For about a mile the posts are mostly burned down.

The barn of Mr. Shrepelle, which burned down some time ago, has been replaced by a brand new one, which does credit to the neighborhood, and is more neat than the old one was.

Jacob Parkinson's large barn was accidentally burned on last Saturday, about the hour of noon. The little children were at home alone and accidentally the barn took fire. The timely arrival of the neighbors saved the other buildings of the place and much of the farm machinery. Considerable corn, wheat and hay was destroyed by the fire and the loss is very great.

ELLINWOOD.

From the Advocate. A joint, a dive, a saloon and a "blind pig" all means the same thing.

Esther Williams' school in the Herter District will close on April 21st, with a picnic.

People are only human and liable to err, but the devil of it is so many of the errors are premeditated.

The daily output of flour of the Ellinwood Mills is 125 barrels, and is of a quality second to none in the state.

Joe Koelsch has made another fish pond on his farm and has connected it with the first one. He has the largest pond in the neighborhood.

The fruit crop will be heavy if not reached by a late frost or if the weather don't keep too everlasting dry. It is not often that the weather is dry enough to spoil a fruit crop but such a thing is not impossible.

The sandy roads south of town are being greatly improved of late by the addition of straw and manure. This treatment it is supposed, in a short time, will give a good solid road bed and prevent the sand from blowing in the tracks so bad.

While R. B. Herold was threshing on the H. F. Panny farm northeast of town last Friday the wind suddenly changed and blew sparks from the engine into the wheat stacks and set them on fire, and in a short time the separator, which was nearly new, two hundred bushels of wheat and one wagon had burned.

At the last meeting of the city council the new mayor was sworn in and after which the old officer retired with a breath of relief. The appointments as given by the mayor and confirmed by the council are as follows: Night watch, Fred Schroeder; Street commissioner, C. Q. Archer; Clerk, Fred Wolf; Treasurer, Mrs. T. P. Fair.

CLAFLIN.

From the Banner. April showers are much needed in these parts.

Adam Jordan has erected a neat barn on his farm near this place.

Claflin continues to grow, and in a very few weeks she will have two first-class lumber yards.

New stone hitch posts have been placed in front of the New York Store the past week for the accommodation of their patrons.

We don't like to admit that we lied last week, but we must own that we were badly mistaken so far as that new train matter goes. We thought it was all right this time, but the Mo. Pacific management concluded to let the Santa Fe do the business another year.

The assessors' returns for Logan township show that there are in the township 486 head of horses, 903 head of cattle and 67 mules. There was on

hand on March 1st 24,700 bushels of old corn and 62,300 bushels of old wheat. This is not so bad for a single township in a bankrupt(?) country.

The Logan Township Creamy Co., with a capital stock of \$5,375 has turned out during the past year cheese, butter and other marketable products to the amount of \$12,186, and has paid out for milk, labor, and coal \$10,000; leaving a net profit of \$2,186 for its stock holders. Not a bad investment sure.

E. H. Grizzell has let the contract for his new dwelling to Chas. O'Brien Sr., who will begin work the first of next week. The building will be 80x32 feet, and when completed, will be one of the finest residences in these parts. Mr. Grizzell is on of the most prosperous farmers, who has laid away the dollars while his less energetic neighbors have howled calamity.

HOISINGTON.

From the Blade. Yesterday, J. A. Sroufe sold his barber shop and business, excepting his chair, to A. L. Peugh, and will probably try Oklahoma awhile.

D. J. Lewis informs us that last week he sold his residence property at Great Bend, and that he is figuring on building a nice residence in this city.

E. M. Carr is building a nice picket fence around his residence property, and Tommy Moore has just completed a woven wire fence.

Tuesday the Missouri Pacific curtailed operating expenses by shortening the working day of the machinists and workmen at the round house and shops at this place from ten to nine hours, and the round house whistle is now heard at 5 instead of 6 o'clock each evening.

The new city council was organized last evening with Mayor N. B. Scrogin in the chair. A. S. Cooke was elected president of the council, E. M. Carr was reappointed city clerk and S. P. Hager city treasurer. The city printing was awarded jointly to the Blade and Dispatch.

From the Dispatch. A great many fruit trees are being planted this spring.

C. F. Dissenbacher is making arrangements to erect a dwelling on his 640 acre farm southeast of town.

R. L. Harvey had a rat-ting time the other day. He was cleaning up his corn bins and killed 95 rats.

The writer has lived in Kansas over seventeen years but last Tuesday was the windiest and most disagreeable of any day he has ever seen.

Aggie Wildgen enjoyed a visit on Saturday from her friend, Katie Volmer, of Great Bend, and on Tuesday from Louie Morton of the same place.

On Tuesday a prairie fire was set by a Mo. Pacific engine somewhere near La Crosse and swept northeast doing a great deal of damage. It was impossible to do any thing with the flames as they traveled at the rate of fifteen or twenty miles an hour. The fire touched the northwest corner of Barton county and burned 700 bushels of wheat for Joe McCorkle, barn and corn for Geo. Hayes and stabling for Wm. Bueker. The company may have some heavy damages to pay as a result of the fire.

PAWNEE ROCK.

From the Leader. Rev. Harvey will deliver the memorial sermon here the Sunday before Decoration Day.

Nearly every boy in town walks as though he was afraid he would hurt the ground. Going barefoot.

People should not be shocked at a ballet dancer's costume. It is only a combination of the summer and winter girl's dress.

Wheat east of Hutchinson looks fine, in fact it could not look better. On this side of there the prospect for a half crop is good.

Sparks from a straw pile burned Friday caught on a straw stack in Benj. Unruh's lot near his residence, and caused some excitement Tuesday noon. Several thousand bushels of wheat were stored near it, and had the fire not been put out Mr. Unruh's wheat, barn and house would have burned. It broke out again in the afternoon but was finally put out. The high winds made it a dangerous day for a fire.

There are several things the new council can do to perpetuate its name. The most important now is to devise ways and means for having the streets sprinkled. The proprietor of the lively stable could do this work comparatively cheap. The city could afford \$5 per month during the summer months and the business men could make up the rest. The mayor should appoint a committee to look up the matter. A city rock pile for the benefit of transient pedestrians would also be a good thing. A few stones like those put in the crossing would not cost much and if tramps are numerous and stop here the stone they broke could be used on the streets. If they are not willing to work, the city would be clear of tramps. Either way it works well.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

What Happened to the Man Who Did Go to Great Bend.

BY REV. E. CORDLEY, D. D., LAWRENCE, KAN.

In the March Telephone Brother Pinch tells what happened to the man who didn't go to Great Bend. After reading of his doleful lot we all pity the poor fellow, and still we cannot help feeling that it is "good enough for him." But after reading the article I have been wondering what would happen to the man who did go. I think first of all he will experience several surprises. He will be surprised to find so fine a town "far out upon the prairie," with elegant homes, electric lights and a rushing trade. He will not realize that he is 300 miles from the Missouri river.

He will be surprised again to find so large a meeting. It is going to be the largest meeting of the General Association ever held in Kansas. All the churches are preparing to send delegates, and all the ministers are going, except the one of whom Bro. Pinch writes. The ladies' missionary societies are not going to send any delegates. They are just going themselves. The Christian women of Kansas are going to be there, that is, all the active workers among them. In a little while the women are to vote, and the Congregational women are going to become accustomed to public responsibility by attending the great Woman's Missionary Meeting at Great Bend.

This man will be surprised too to find so good a meeting. It will be the best meeting of the Association ever held. It would be the best on general principles. The last meeting is always the best, for we are growing and improving all the while. But there are some special features to this meeting which no other ever possessed. No other meeting has had Graham Taylor or Dr. Beaton, or their equivalents. These men are right down to date in their matter and methods. They will give you the latest and the best in their lines. The provision for music and other things are new features in our Association and will be a surprise to the man who measures things by what he has seen before.

The man who goes to Great Bend will receive a new inspiration for his work. He will be lifted onto a higher plane. He will be able to preach better. He will find preparation easier and preaching will be more of a delight. The time spent in the journey will be made up many times by the greater facility with which he will work. His mental machinery will become oiled and will run far more smoothly and throw off its products far more rapidly. The papers and addresses, and especially the fellowship, will wake up every dormant faculty, and fill his mind with suggestions and themes which will just cry out for treatment. He will find himself so pressed with themes that he will hardly know which to take first. His people will begin to say "How fresh our minister is lately." If they have been whispering among themselves about a "change," they will begin to whisper about raising his salary for fear they will lose him. It is a great mistake for a man to think that every day spent away from his parish is a day lost. When a man feels fresh from contact with keen minds, and warm with the touch of fellowship, one day is worth a dozen. Nowhere else so much as in a minister's work are the words of the poet found true:

"We live in thoughts not breathing, In feeling, not in figure on a dial; We should count time by heart throbs, He lives most who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

The man who goes to Great Bend too will escape the embarrassments and mortifications of the man who didn't go. When friends from abroad ask him about the ministers and churches of different parts of the state he will not blush to think how little he knows of them. When he reads of some brother's labors or trials or successes, he will say to himself, "I took that brother by the hand last spring." And there will be a glowing sense of fellowship pass over him though 300 miles away. He will feel that he has touched the four corners of the state, and has a sort of share in all that is being done for Christ.—Kansas Telephone, Manhattan, Kans.

IT WOULDN'T be hard to prove that Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Maxwell is not an expert headsman. Under his administration from March 4th to April 3rd, only 878 fourth class postmasters were decapitated, while during the same time four years ago under Clarkson's reign 1,828 official heads fell into the basket. Comparisons, though odious, are sometimes very instructive.—Larned Eagle Optic.

CARRY the news to Dixie! A Boston jury has acquitted a white hotel waitress for refusing to serve three negroes in a hotel dining room.

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